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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/598,699	Applicant(s) LEFRANC, FRANCIS	
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Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 9.

Identification of prior art discussed: Luden et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Seckel proposed several claim amendments that would help overcome the prior art of the record. The Examiner agrees that adding language to describe how the resilient element is flexibly deformable to widen the gap and allow insertion of the structural element and naturally biased to narrow the gap to ensure fixation of the vibratory device would appear to overcome the prior art of record..

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Sarah B. McPartlin/ Examiner, Art Unit 3636	
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